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2 **46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION SUPPORT
12 EFFORTS TO REMOVE BONE MARROW FROM THE DEFINITION OF HUMAN
13 ORGANS ILLEGAL TO OBTAIN FOR VALUABLE CONSIDERATION.

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15 WHEREAS, it is against federal statute to obtain "human
16 organs" for valuable consideration, and bone marrow is included
17 in the definition of "human organs" for the purposes of the
18 statute; and

19 WHEREAS, bone marrow, like blood, is a replaceable organ,
20 and the amount of marrow taken for a transplant is replaced in
21 the human body in about four weeks; and

22 WHEREAS, about seventy percent of those who need a bone
23 marrow transplant are unable to receive one because of a lack
24 of people being tested and the subsequent difficulty of finding
25 a suitable donor for a particular recipient from those that are

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1 tested;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico congressional
4 delegation be requested to support efforts to remove bone
5 marrow from the definition of human organs illegal to obtain
6 for valuable consideration; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
8 transmitted to the members of the New Mexico congressional
9 delegation.